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The outbreak of the war found her in the Department, but soon her desire to serve her country drew her to attempt the unheard-of, attend the wounded on the field. Proprieties were shocked and it took a long struggle to gain her end. She made her debut at Cedar Mountain, late in August, 1862. Upon her sensitive brain the suffering of the wounded seems to have been indelibly stamped, in characters which were never obliterated to the day of her death.

When the last gun was fired at the end of the Civil War, she continued to pursue a line of her work which was as distressing and nerve-racking as her field labors, the search for missing men. Ordered abroad at the end of this task, she was given opportunity for studying the Red Cross organization and, while still in Europe, the Franco Prussian War broke out and she was able to see this organization at work. Once more she was "constrained to heed the compelling cry of humanity" and was again on a battlefield. In the midst of her field work she conceived the idea of introducing the Red Cross Organization in America. She saw the consummation of her ideas in 1881; the Red Cross was organized, herself its president. Although it was not her wish to hold office, she did so because of the insistence of President Garfield. Space forbids us to follow her career through national disaster, the Spanish American War and the adventures of her later life. We come to a place where it is hard not to side with Miss Barton against a reincorporated and reorganized Red Cross Association. This new association has justified itself; it needs no defenders; but one can realize that Miss Barton should feel much as an orphan who is persuaded to accept the protection of the honorable board of directors of the orphanage in the place of parental love and care. She was obliged to tender her resignation and allow the work of expansion and reorganization to proceed, to meekly accept the fact that the work had come to a place where others must take it over and work their will upon it. It was hard to feel that her day was over, that new times were come and, with them, new methods. It is characteristic of Miss Barton's life that she should conquer and even this great act of renunciation was made. She found peace and happiness, with friends to share her home life to the end.

**CONSUMPTION: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.** By John B. Hawes, 2d, M.D. Instructor in Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Director Tuberculosis Clinic, Assistant Visiting Physician Massachusetts General Hospital, Secretary Massachusetts Tuberculosis Commission. Boston: Small, Maynard and Company.

Although the public has not been left wanting books on the treatment, care and prevention of tuberculosis, there is still much of which

many people are ignorant. Anyone who has had experience in a clinic for tubercular disease can testify to the ignorance that continues in spite of the efforts of late years to make public the knowledge necessary to care for the tubercular and to safeguard those who come in contact with him. The present volume is well fitted to be placed alongside its predecessors which aim to aid in the fight against tuberculosis. It is written in plain English and matters are discussed from a practical point of view. The cost of home treatment is carefully considered, and estimates and lists of outfit for sanatorium care are furnished.

Employment for the tuberculosis patient, the use and abuse of drugs in treatment and the importance of correct diet, are well reviewed. The book is concluded by a chapter from the pen of Dr. Charles L. Minor, entitled *Hints and Helps for Tuberculosis Patients*, which briefly epitomizes all that has gone before.

**TEXT BOOK OF MATERIA MEDICA FOR NURSES.** Compiled by Lavinia L. Dock, R.N., Graduate of the Bellevue Training School for Nurses. Fifth edition, revised and enlarged. G. P. Putnam's Sons. New York and London. The Knickerbocker Press. Price \$1.50.

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